Retrenchments in the Electrical Department.

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Recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee regarding economies in the Electrical Department.

ORDER THEREON No. E. D. S. 445-49, DATED 10TH OCTOBER 1931.

The several items of retrenchment recommended by the Committee, amounting to Rs. 5,48,689 are as follows:—

(i) *Administration.*

Salaries:—		
1. Assistant Chief Electrical Engineer (Rs. 750—50—1,000) ..	One of the appointments 1, 2 or 3 and the fourth and fifth to be abolished	Rs.
2. Technical Assistant (Rs. 400—50—750) ..		
3. General Electric Inspector (Rs. 350—50—650) and C.A. 35		13,920
4. Accounts Assistant (Rs. 250—25—350) ..		..
5. Research Assistant (Rs. 150—25—300) ..		..
Deputation charges		6,700

(ii) *Generation.*

Salaries of Executive Officers Hydraulic Assistant (280—40—600)..	7,200
Supervisor (Buildings) (Rs. 100—10—150) plus C. A. 30 ..	2,160
Special Charges:—	
Maintenance of buildings	1,500
River conservancy	500
Repair of roads	1,000
Sanitation and conservancy	500
Medical Stores	500
Other items	800
Maintenance of Plant, Maintenance of channels, Water Supply and Tools and Plant	4,325

(iii) *Transmission and* (iv) *Distribution.*

Maintenance charges (other than salaries, establishment, travelling allowances, contingencies subsidy to patels, and subsidy to Messrs. John Taylor & Sons.)	9,334
Subsidy to Messrs. John Taylor & Sons	6,750
(iv) Depreciation contribution	4,87,800
Travelling allowance and contingencies under all the heads (including Printing and Stationery" "Laboratory" and "Other charges" under "Administration)"	5,700
Total Reduction ..	5,48,689

2. The Committee are of opinion that under present conditions, the reduction of the strength particularly of the higher Gazetted Staff, is justifiable and necessary and that the grades of pay in this department may be suitably revised so as to bring them into line with those obtaining in the Public Works, Railways and other Departments. They have suggested that the scheme of sending out officers on deputation may be suspended for a few years.

3. Government have considered the proposals in consultation with the Chief Electrical Engineer and are pleased to pass the following orders.

RETRENCHMENT IN THE GAZETTED STAFF.

4. The appointments of Research Assistant and Accounts Assistant have already been abolished (*vide* Government Order No. E. D. S. 226-8, dated the 13th August 1931 and No. Fl. 7469-71—G. F. 170-30-2, dated 1st April 1931 respectively.

5. In view of the magnitude of the administrative and technical business to be attended to in the Central Office, the Chief Electrical Engineer considers it quite necessary that he should have two assistants in the Head Office, *viz.*, the Assistant to

the Chief Electrical Engineer and the Technical Assistant. Government accept this view for the present.

6. It is necessary to retain also the General Electric Inspector's post as the number of meters and motors to be tested is large and the work of seeing that these are in order is important. But, in view of the need for economy, an officer on Rs. 350 (fixed) will be appointed against this post on Rs. 350—50—650.

7. The Chief Electrical Engineer states that it would be possible to abolish the post of Chief Stores Officer and that his Financial Assistant might be of the grade of an Assistant Comptroller on Rs. 250—25—450 instead of a Deputy Comptroller on Rs. 600—40—800. These proposals required further examination and will be considered separately.

8. As regards the staff at Sivasamudram, Government accept the recommendation to abolish the post of the Supervisor and also one of the higher Executive Officers. The appointment of Assistant General Superintendent is abolished and the pay of the General Superintendent is reduced from Rs. 800—50—1,200 to Rs. 750—50—1,000.

9. As regards the proposal for reducing the level of salaries in the department, Government observe that the suggestions of the Committee will be kept in view and considered as opportunities offer for revising the scales of pay of Officers in the department.

10. The rest of the recommendations of the Committee, including the temporary suspension of the contribution to the Depreciation Fund, have all been accepted by Government and given effect to in framing the current year's budget.

11. With the concurrence of the Chief Electrical Engineer, the following further reductions in the departmental grants for the current year are also ordered:—

REVENUE.

	Rs.
Administration:—	
Other charges	3,000
Contingencies	1,000
Printing and Stationery	2,000
Generation:—	
Maintenance of buildings	1,500
Tools and Plant	500
Savings on Travelling Allowance Grants ..	2,000
Other items	2,000
Total ..	12,000

CAPITAL.

The following items will be omitted:—

Provision for electrification of Thyamagondlu ..	21,000
Unforeseen Works	10,000
Total ..	31,000

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